

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wayne P. Franco
Serial No.: Division of
USSN 09/828,330
Filed: April 6, 2001
For: **METHODS OF USE OF FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR,
VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR AND
RELATED PROTEINS IN THE TREATMENT OF ACUTE
AND CHRONIC HEART DISEASE**
Docket No.: 0147-1 DIV1

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to an Office Action in the above-identified application, please
amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.